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REMARKS			

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1. On 18 March 1954, 7 JS tanks and 1 tank hull [] were unloaded in Neubrandenburg.

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12. In the afternoon on 19 March, a column of 12 trucks including some loaded with pontoons and 2 trucks with troops moved into the Panzer Kaserne (2181), Neubrandenburg, coming from the direction of Tollense Lake. []

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3. On 22 March, a column of about 35 trucks with engineer equipment including []

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1 truck with a field kitchen, 2 ambulances, several jeeps and several amphibious cars passed through Dallgow village from the direction of Elstal via Highway No 103 and proceeded toward Hasenheidenberg and, subsequently, turned toward southeast north of Hasenheidenberg. Some of the trucks carried 15 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and some boxes, beams and mattresses. At about 3:30 p.m. on 22 March, 8 trucks with engineer equipment were seen en route toward Seeburg from the direction of Elstal via Dallgow village. Each of the trucks carried about 10 to 15 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. At the same time, 2 trucks, each with 4 new motorcycles, passed through Dallgow from the direction of Falkensee and proceeded toward Altes Lager. []

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4. On the early morning of 28 March, a train of an undetermined number of flatcars with about 20 trucks, 6 rocket launchers, 1 jeep, 2 field kitchens, 1 ambulance and 12 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Neustrelitz railroad station toward a northerly direction. []

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In the morning of 28 March, a train of an undetermined number of flatcars with about 20 trucks, 5 light AA guns and 1 medium AA gun, and about 15 boxcars with troops stood at Gransee railroad station. Truck [] was parked at the loading ramp. It was assumed that the shipment was loaded in Gransee. On the morning of 28 March, a train of about 8 boxcars with troops and 27 flatcars with 9 guns, presumably of 152-mm caliber, 12 full-track vehicles and an undetermined number of trucks was observed at Loewenberg railroad station. The train was headed toward the north. 3

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5. On 17 March, a column of 20 trucks including 12 towing 85-mm AA guns and [redacted] passed through Schoenwalde toward the Flugplatz Kaserne (2381). Each of the trucks carried about 12 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The column included two radio trucks.⁴

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6. On 15 March, a tank unit from the Buelow Kaserne (4441) in Frankfurt/Oder moved to the freight station. Fifteen T-34/85 tanks and 12 trucks with about 200 troops were observed. The unit was said to have left for an exercise at Lieberose. The unit had not returned by 25 March. On 16 March, the Buelow Kaserne still quartered about 300 to 1,000 troops who wore tank insignia.⁵

7. On 17 March, 22 x 76.2-mm AT guns and 20 trucks were loaded at Bernau freight station. On 23 March, 11 M-13 rocket launchers [redacted] and several trucks were entrained in Bernau.⁶

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8. On 24 March, several guide posts were seen at the Nauen-Fehrbellin Chaussee. An armored personnel carrier and truck [redacted] carrying troops with full pack parked at the railroad crossing in Fehrbellin at the same time.⁷

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9. [redacted]

10. From 9 to 12 March and from 17 to 18 March, several exercises were held at the training grounds north of Salchau. These exercises climaxed on 12 and 18 March with very heavy artillery fire which was abruptly stopped and followed by tank and infantry fire only.

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25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] tanks of the unidentified Gds Hvy tank SP regiment of the 9th Gds Tank Div were detrained in Neubrandenburg on 18 March. The motor vehicles with pontoons observed on 19 March belong to the 413th Pcn Bridge Bn (?) of the Second Gds Mech Army from the kaserne in Neubrandenburg.

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25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. Another [redacted] indicated that, on 25 March, heavy elements of the 1st Mech Div left the barracks installation in Doberitz for the training grounds south of Doberitz, taking along weapons and billeting equipment. [redacted]

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25X1 the unit arrived indicated, however, that the unit came from the Loewen Kaserne (2063) which quarters the 18th (?) Engr Bn of the 1st Mech Div. It is possible that individual vehicles of army troops were among the vehicles of the battalion. The reason for the departure presumably was to prepare the bivouacking area for the units of the division which followed three days later.

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25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the train that stopped at Neustrelitz railroad station carried elements of the 10th RL Regt and that at the Gransee railroad station probably elements of the unidentified AAA regiment of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. These corps troops are believed to have been scheduled to participate in 18th Mech Div exercises. The corps troops arrived in the Neuruppin-Neustrelitz area after 26 March.

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25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the convoy belongs to the 31st AAA Div.

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25X1A 5. [redacted] Comment. The 25th Gds Mech Regt of the 7th Gds Mech Div and its tank battalion are carried in the Buelow Kaserne. On 15 March, tank units of the division were transferred to the Peitz-Boeskov area. The return to Frankfurt/Oder of all elements could not definitely be determined. [redacted]


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

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25X1A 6.  Comment. On 23 March, the 52d Gds RL Bn of the 6th Gds Mech Div was transferred to division exercises in the Mirow-Neuruppin area. The battalion is thus confirmed in Bernau up to 23 March.

25X1A 7.  Comment. The guide posts have probably been furnished by the 10th Gds Tank Div, several units of which transferred by road to the area northwest of Neuruppin on 24 March. 

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